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BOARD MOTIONS:

The following motions were passed at the July 28, 2007, Annual Association Meeting:

1. That the time period for raising the funds for the preservation of the auditorium be extended by three years.
2. That voting on the auditorium will require a paper ballot.
3. That a previous motion to "restore" the auditorium be tabled for three years to coincide with the fundraising timetable.
4. That monies earned for the preservation of the auditorium should pay for the support towers needed for stabilization.
5. The following association members were elected trustees and trustee-elect:

Karen Gavin – Trustee

Audrey Langos – Trustee

Larry Stewart – Trustee

James Morgan – Trustee-elect

No motions were passed at the August 20, 2007 board meeting.

The following trustees were elected as officers at the September 5, 2007 meeting:

President – Tom Doan

Vice-President – Roberta Kutasy

Secretary – Barbara Carder

Treasurer – Larry Stewart



MANAGER'S NOTES:

As summer ends and the fall season arrives, the Camp Ground will undergo a dramatic change in the coming weeks. As the leaves change color, the grounds take on an entirely unique appearance. The fall season is a wonderful time of year.

I have been in contact with our representative on City Council, Melody Bobbitt, regarding Ety Road. I have been assured that, if and when Ety Road is widened on the Fair Avenue end, the extra right-of-way will not be on the Camp Ground side of the road. The City of Lancaster has already secured right-of-way on the west side of the road. She also informed me that, as soon as funds are available, a traffic light is planned for the intersection at Ety Road and Fair Avenue. It will be a "traffic activated" light so that Fair Avenue traffic will continue to move until a vehicle on Ety Road activates the light. She also advised me that Ety Road, from the railroad track to Fair Avenue, will be resurfaced in October. The Board of Trustees has invited Mrs. Bobbitt to attend the October 15 board meeting.

911 - Use It - and keep the Camp Ground safer!

We want to make all Camp Ground residents aware that you are the eyes and ears of the Camp Ground. Times are changing and crimes increase as the population rises. A man who came in the office told of recently being attacked and robbed just down the street. It is important that every knows that if you see anything suspicious occurring on the grounds that you need to call 911 right away and report it. Especially if it is during the night. They do patrol the grounds but cannot be here all the time. So just be aware of things going on around you and your neighbors.

AUDITORIUM FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE:

Jim Morgan has taped interviews for radio programs to be broadcast on 90.9 FM at 9:45am. The first on September 17 is about the Dance-a-thon and the program on October 1st is information about the Davis Auditorium and a request for donations for it's preservation.

At a meeting on Saturday, October 6 in Unit One at 10:00am, (which is open to everyone) planning will continue for an arts and crafts show to be held in the spring of 2008 here at the Camp Ground. We encourage all the artists and crafters to be preparing for their participation in this spring event. Also in the planning stage is the possibility of a golf tournament. The help of all you golfers in this meeting will be appreciated. A third possible project is a hog roast. These are all big projects but we know that the camp grounders have been known to accomplish great things when they work together to do them.

If you have more ideas for fund-raising, please attend the October 6th meeting to share those ideas with us.

Marjorie Roe, chairperson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: *Cut this out and put it on your fridge!!*

Monthly Gospel Sing	Friday	October 5	7:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Aud. Fund-raising Committee	Saturday	October 6	10:00 a.m.	Unit 1
Program Committee	Monday	October 8	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Personnel Committee	Tuesday	October 9	1:00 p.m.	Office
Finance Committee	Thursday	October 11	9:00 a.m.	Office
Grounds Committee	Friday	October 12	2:00 p.m.	Office
Board Meeting	Monday	October 15	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
YARD SALE	Saturday	October 20	9 - 5 p.m.	Activity / Shelter
Historical Society	Tuesday	October 23	7:00 p.m.	Creighton Corner

Note: you can see an on line calendar at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/lcgsecretary>

PRAYER LIST: (Please notify the office when someone on this list has had their prayers answered)



Rosemary Garrison
Bill Graybill
Leonard Dougherty

Mac Cottrill
Mitch McClave
Norma Jane Yeager

Art Newland
Virginia Pletcher
Dick Webb

Mabel Ruh
Doyle Garrett
Nancy Crabtree

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all the love, prayers, cards and words of encouragement I received from the Camp Ground family during my cancer surgery and treatments. They truly were a blessing to me. Thank you all so very much.

Sincerely, Debbie Randolph

DANCE-A-THON:

Due to a lack of local student registration and participation, it was necessary to cancel the Dance-A-Thon scheduled for September 29. The event was originated to raise funds for the preservation of the Davis Auditorium. A considerable amount of time and effort went into planning this affair and I wish to personally thank all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make this happen. Even though the event will not occur, we have developed a base of support in volunteers, local media and merchants, which could prove to be very helpful in the future. The radio station, WLRY, has volunteered to assist with any future endeavors the Camp Ground may pursue. Again, thank you to everyone who assisted with this project! We are of course disappointed in the outcome but we have been truly touched by the support of volunteers and the community!

Cheryl Kellogg, Event Coordinator

ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS
LANCASTER CAMP GROUND
FINANCE COMMITTEE 2005 – 2007

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Addressed the new tax assessments by obtaining Association approval of increased lease rates.
- Continued to use professional bookkeeping services of Winfree, Ruff, and Associates.
- Ordered and attained professional audit of Camp Ground finances for 2005 and 2006 audit is in progress.
- Obtained low finance rates for the loan for the water system and road repair project from Standing Stone Bank.
- Arranged for and received high interest investment instruments from Standing Stone and Bremen Banks.
- Established two new accounts with the Fairfield County Foundation; a general account for the Camp Ground and an auditorium preservation account.
- Established an annual COLA adjustment to the lease rates.
- Added annual COLA adjustments to our employees' wages.
- Made progress on our wage and salary increases so we would not force our employees to subsidize the leases.
- Established what we believe to be fair and reasonable rates for our various services and rentals.
- Recommended establishing a scholarship account with Fairfield County Foundation to assist Camp Ground residents with various learning and/or inspirational opportunities.
- Provided initial set-up costs for the water system project.
- Provided funding for the safety expenses of the auditorium prior to demolition or preservation.
- Informed the board of trustees and residents on financial information.
- Reviewed requests from Historical Society for their use of the restricted funds assigned to them.
- Maintained contact with various activities of fund raising by the Auditorium Preservation Funding Committee.
- Prepared budget, which was approved by the board of trustees and administered by the General Manager and Treasurer.

GOALS AND NEEDS

- Strive to assure that the lease income covers expenses without being subsidized by the income from building rentals, the RV Park, etc.
- Assure that rental income provides adequate maintenance and upgrading funds for our buildings, equipment and grounds.
- Work to use income from the RV Park to expand the sites, refine the area, including a large shelter house and ultimately sewer lines to each site.
- Be sure that the auditorium fund continues to grow so that the interest will be available to maintain the building.
- Funding for the repair and maintenance of other buildings should be established.
- The Huntly Estate money designated for "Summer Evangelistic Programs" should be placed in a separate account at the Fairfield County Foundation so the interest earned will fund the above directive without reducing the principal.

Some may be overwhelmed by the magnitude of our needs and indeed, it is great. Trying to catch up from neglect of the past is very difficult. It is important to learn from the past and wise to move forward with the faith that we can do this! Remember our state motto, "*WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.*"

What a joy it is to see the wonderful new water system, beautiful new roads, grass turning green and the fall colors just a few weeks ahead. The fun we had as a Camp Ground family at the talent show and the fellowship at the Saturday night & Sunday meals was exceeded only by the Sunday worship services and vespers. What a glorious time to be in residence in such a marvelous place! Let's all work together and pray that we leave it a better place for those who follow us.

Earl S. Bishop, Chairman, Finance Committee (2005-2007)

SWIMMING POOL REPAIR:

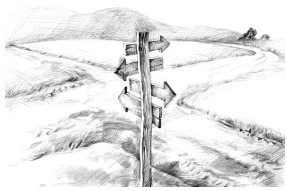
The board will decide whether the pool will open next season. Major repairs must be made to keep the pool safe. We are currently working on a repair plan for the swimming pool. At the annual meeting in July, a gentleman sitting toward the rear of the group told people around him that he could repair the pool. Unfortunately, no one knows the name of this person. Please contact the office if you have knowledge of this person or have suggestions on a plan to repair the pool.

AUTOS:

The board may authorize the Manager to have motor vehicles that are not registered with the Camp Ground office to be towed off the grounds. All registered vehicles must display a Camp Ground sticker in windshield.

CAMP GROUND TRAFFIC PATTERN

Effective immediately, the traffic pattern for the Camp Ground will return to the way it was prior to the water system project. **One-way streets , 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th and Maple, will once again be used for only one-way traffic.**



The speed limit (10 mph), stop signs and yield signs should be observed at all times. Obeying the traffic rules in the Camp Ground is especially important due to the pedestrian traffic and children on bicycles. The streets leading to the auditorium (spokes), 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, are **not** for vehicle traffic. The barriers may be removed for temporary access but should be returned as soon as possible. Contact the office if you have a question.

LEAF COLLECTION:

One of the major Camp Ground projects will begin in the near future. Leaf Collection requires nearly daily attention and usually turns into a six to eight week project. In order to make the collection process as easy as possible, the following items are offered for your assistance:

- All debris, such as stones, sticks, paper, cans, etc, should be removed from the leaves before placing them in the pile
- Nothing other than leaves should be placed for collection. Please do not include flowers or any other yard waste.

Anything other than leaves gathered by the vacuum has the potential of injuring our staff or damaging the equipment.

OCTOBER YARD SALE:

The next yard sale will be on **Saturday, October 20, 2007**. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can reserve an 8' table in the Activity Building for \$10 each. Each are done on a first come, first serve basis. We have 7 tables spoken for so sign up as soon as possible if you would like to participate. You can have it at your Cottage if you like, maps will be handed out. in the Activity Bldg. to those who stop there. Contact the office to sign up.

Note: we have a person who is renting the Shelters toward Ety Road. He is doing an event which will bring in lots of people we hope. The Eagle Gazette is doing some advertising for him, and we are advertising in the Advertiser so we will have plenty of word out about that day. He will have a police car with free fingerprinting for the kids, a fire engine for the kids to see and he has lots of things planned such as vendors selling craft items.

If you are not busy that day and are not a part of the yard sale, come on down and at lease join in on the fun!

FRIDAY TRASH PICK UP:

Friday trash pick up will continue until late in Oct. Please have trash set out no later than 8:00 a.m. Don't set bags out night before, so animals won't bother it. Use a strong trash bag, in a can - loose trash will not be picked up



Thought for the Day

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

He sends you flowers every spring.

He sends you a sunrise every morning!

Face It, *He is crazy about you!*

Submitted by: Rhonda Gray

HILLTOP HAPPENINGS:

Greetings! The end of the summer season has brought many new changes to the Hilltop Women. On September 1, 2007, an installation ceremony for the 2007-2008 officers was conducted by Norma Norris. As Norma read the duties of the office to each officer, a single candle was lit representing the importance of each position to the organization and each officer gave their oath to uphold their office:

- Hilltop President—Rhonda Gray
- 1st Vice President—Karen Tribul
- 2nd Vice President—Vickie Wells
- Secretary—Charletta Shahan
- Treasurer—Karen Gavin

All members agreed to continue to serve dinners at Creighton Corners every Saturday evening at 5PM. The construction on the new water system gave us a later start date in the summer season, so we decided to continue serving our delicious meals until the end of September.

The Bargain Box will also continue to be open daily until the end of September, so come on by and browse through our many items still available at great bargain prices.

Our 1st Annual Ice Cream Social was a great success! This was one of many planned Fund Raising activities for the much needed air conditioning system upgrade, so that we can provide a comfortable environment for our patrons during the hot summer season. It seems that we picked a rather cool day to enjoy cake, pie and ice cream, but everyone seemed to enjoy the varied selection of goodies and tremendous fellowship. We have already started planning next year's Ice Cream Social to be held much earlier in the summer season! Also, many thanks to all the Hilltop Women that contributed to this special event and to Bobbi Kutasy, Barbara Slade, and Charletta Shahan for coordinating this special fundraising activity.

Don't forget to stop by the Camp Ground Booth in the Art Hall at the Fairfield County Fair for great fellowship and interesting discussions on the history of the campground, sponsored by the Historical Society.

Our next special event will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 in the activity building from 8AM to? We will be hosting a special Fund Raising Breakfast Buffet for the campground community and the many customers that will pour into the Activity Building for the Lancaster Campground October Yard Sale, so everyone come early for a hearty, home cooked breakfast, fellowship with the Hilltop Women, visit our Bake Goods table for our tasty sweets that will leave you coming back for more, stroll by our Knick Knack corner for great year end bargains from the Gift Shop and the Bargain Box, then check out all the other bargains offered by cottage owners throughout the campground, maps will be handed out. All the proceeds from this special fund raiser will go to upgrade the air conditioning system at the Creighton Corners on the Hilltop.

We are now making plans for the Christmas Walk! All the Hilltop Women are talking about baking and making the many homemade items that will be available in the Gift Shop. We will keep you posted!

We are also planning fun activities and an occasional delicious meal throughout the winter months, so that we can continue to fellowship one with another until spring arrives and the summer season can once again, begin.

Please give me a call for any additional information.

Yours in Christ, Rhonda Gray

President, Hilltop Women's Association

POP MACHINES:

Our poor old pop machines are getting replaced with new ones soon.

When they deliver them, the one at the Palace will be removed.

There will be a new one that dispenses cans for \$.60 cents at the Gift Shop.

At the office, where most of the traffic is, there will be 2 new machines.

One will have cans for \$.60 cents and one will have 20 oz Bottles for \$1.25



THANK YOU - from the Farm Produce people. They enjoyed being here and were blessed by those of you who took time to thank them. And of course for all the produce you purchased. They look forward to coming again next season.

EMERGENCY WATER PROBLEMS:

If you encounter a water problem, such as a water line break, when the office is closed and the maintenance staff is off duty, please contact the following personnel for assistance: Greg White; Tom Doan; or Bobbi Kutasy. The maintenance personnel cannot make repairs inside your cottage but they can turn the water off outside to prevent as much damage as possible.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Another fall is upon us and we are thinking of our historical buildings and are they ready for the winter to come! I know most of you have had the same thing on your mind and we have missed your presence and input at the monthly meetings. We all hope this fall and winter coming upon us will find you ready, willing and able to share your love of our heritage. We welcome you to our 4th Tuesday meetings each month, 6:00 p.m. at Creighton Corners. Please note the time change. Watch the newsletter "calendar" for our meetings or cancellation of meetings monthly.

Our officers for 2008 will be Ben Doane, President; Stanton Prior, Vice-President; Judy Morgan, Secretary; Jim Morgan, Treasurer and Marion Farnsworth, Historian.

The H.S. will have a "small" booth at the fair again this year. Should you like to be part of the decorating or take a turn saying hello to all who stop and visit during the week of the fair, please call Mary Jo Doan. You don't have to be on the committee to donate time at the booth.

Judy Morgan, Secretary

Special Thanks

To our maintenance man, Don, for his thoughtful and generous contribution of tomatoes again this year.
Everyone agrees - his tomatoes are a notch above the others - just like him!